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## MAY DAY

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May Day is here! Once more the workers of the world will go out into the streets and demonstrate. Once more they will assemble in their halls and listen to stirring words of revolutionary fervor. Once more they will assert their international solidarity. Once more they will make resolves—resolves that may turn into revolutionary actuality. Once more they will sing the "Internationale"—millions of workers in all parts of the world, pledging their energy, their life and even their death to the emancipation of the workers.

May Day comes in the midst of revolutionary activity in several countries of Europe. The workers have been ground down, beaten and crushed, so that there is only one way for them to rise from the degradation and slavery into which they have been plunged: by REVOLUTION! They had been promised many things: they had been given the "democracy" that millions of their fellow-workers had died for—and all they got was CHAINS, HUNGER AND MISERY!

Europe is in the midst of turmoil. In Rumania, the workers are being driven from pillar to post. The unions have been disrupted, the radicals and revolutionists jailed. The workers are being persecuted, even if they dare to strike. In Hungary, the white terror reigns supreme. The slaughter of Communists and radicals is the pride of the Horthy regime, that boasts of its ferocity. The Horthy regime is recognized by the Allies, who maintain the corrupt government of Hungary as a barrier against the spread of revolutionary ideas from the East, from Soviet Russia. That the Allies, however, dare to talk of "brutality" on the part of the Russian Communist Government, while it recognizes and supports the White terroristic government of Hungary, reveals the endless hypocrisy of which they are capable.

In Poland, even the peasants have rebelled. The conclusion of the war between Poland and Russia was a dire necessity for Poland. Poland was on the very verge of ruin. The war, the ravaging of the country, the overwhelming debt, the dissatisfaction of the people, the overbearing attitude of the bourgeoisie, and, above all, the treachery of the sham-socialist government, Pilsudski and Daszynski at their head, who acted as the lackeys and tools of the Allies, and especially of France, in conducting the nefarious war against the workers and peasants of Russia—all this combined to bring Poland to the brink of revolution, from which the government extricated itself only by peace with Soviet Russia. This peace was dictated by the inability of the Polish government to continue the war and by the unwillingness



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### LESSONS FOR WORKERS!

of the Allies to continue supporting a losing cause. For the workers in France and Great Britain were being aroused to the dastardliness of the Allied venture in Russia and were threatening their capitalist governments. The economic situation of Poland is one of destitution. The workers are utterly impoverished, the factories are closed.

The workers of Austria are debilitated. Crushed by the war, their stamina broken, poverty reducing them to a stage of practical non-resistance to any attacks of the

bourgeoisie, the workers are too weak to raise themselves from the lethargy into which they have fallen. Industry is practically at a standstill, the suffering is acute. The people are living, to a considerable extent, on the "charity" of the Allies. But it is just this "charity" that is sapping the life of the Austrian proletariat.

Italy is in the midst of raging civil war. The Italian proletariat has reached a stage of desperation to which the bloody struggle is preferable. Battles between the Communists and workers with the Fascisti, the cowardly

white guards of the country, are daily events. Hesitating at nothing, secretly and openly assisted by the Italian government, which is reserving its last strength for the final struggle with the outraged workers, the Fascisti are carrying on a campaign and struggle that soon will result in one organized fight between the workers on one side and the government and bourgeoisie on the other. The split in the Socialist party, which resulted in the formation of a determined Communist Party, has imparted more bitterness to the fight. The yellow Socialists and trade unionists are lying low. The "unified" Socialists under the leadership of the timid and short-sighted Serrati, perfer the stand of the yellows to that of the Communists. Despite their stand, the Fascisti are burning down headquarters indiscriminately. Anarchists, Communists, Socialists, laborites, unionists—the Fascisti, assisted by the scum of the city (jail-birds, vagabonds and hoodlums of every description) are trying to break up the organizations, using the weapon that the capitalist class and the government inevitably will use against the workers' arms. The election campaign in Italy is marked by bloody encounters. This is a repetition of the occurrences in Russia between March and Nov. 1917. Widespread terror is being exercised by the white guards; the election in all probability will result in an overwhelming victory for the nationalist candidates. The defeated Socialists will be obliged to join the Communists in the final fight against the government. The revolutionary workers led by the Communists will overturn the Italian government and institute a Soviet government of the Workers and Peasants. The training of the war has capacitated them for the erection of the Workers' Dictatorship. The continual warfare between the workers and the Fascisti is steeling the workers for the coming fight.

Germany, the country of many treacheries and many woes—the land of many hopes and many disappointments—is in the midst of latent civil war. The accumulation of wealth has proceeded in Germany at a rate unprecedented either in German or Allied history. A small group of bankers and magnates has amassed the most prosperous industries of the country. Not content with their booty, they have reached out to Austria, have investments in France and have made offers to Russia. The 1918 revolution in Germany was the purest sham, as far as the workers were concerned. Although they overthrew the Junkers, the only reward that they received for their act was the dominion of the bourgeoisie, which

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## HAYWOOD ON REVOLUTIONARY MISSION.

Command of Communist International Takes Class Fighter to Moscow on Eve of Prison Term.

In the matter of the departure for Soviet Russia of William D. Haywood, the Pan-American Agency of the Communist International makes the following statement under the signature of its Secretary, Charles Edward Scott:

"Comrade Haywood did not leave the United States of his own accord, but at the direct command of the Communist International, of which he is a disciplined member and whose authority he recognizes as the highest in the world. He will be present at the Third Congress of the Communist International on June 1st. He will also attend the First International Congress of Trade and Industrial Unions on July 1st, at Moscow, as one of the true leaders and spokesmen of the militant workers of America. His advice and assistance are required by the Communist International and it was his revolutionary duty to obey its summons to go to Moscow instead of to prison, where too many of our best men are already buried alive.

The Communist International denounces in the strongest terms those lawyers and "liberals" who criticize this soldier of the revolution for "breaking faith" with the capitalist courts; who worry more about one man who escapes than about the score who go to prison. We trust that no member of the I. W. W. will share this silly bourgeois prejudice. Comrade Haywood is no coward. The scars on his body give the lie to his accusers.

Karl Liebknecht was called a coward by the German capitalists during the weeks that he was in hiding before they murdered him. Lenin, too, was accused of cowardice when he remained in hiding after the uprising in Petrograd in July, 1917—not answering the taunts of Kerensky, but working night and day for the overthrow of the Kerensky government.

So, also, will William D. Haywood work—as a trusted advisor of the

General Staff of the World Revolution and subject to its command. He will continue to aid in the destruction of the barbarous capitalist dictatorship which enslaves the workers and holds their best men in prison. In the place of the dictatorship of the Garrys, he will work to bring about the dictatorship of the workers, that will smash open all the prison doors and release the working-class prisoners, and jail the jailers of today.

Comrade Haywood did not desert his fellow-workers as he is falsely accused by the capitalists and their hirelings and apologists. Comrade Haywood went to Soviet Russia on revolutionary duties, openly and undisguised. Openly and undisguised he will return to America; but the time and manner of his coming will be determined by the requirements of the revolutionary class struggle and not by the decrees of capitalist courts.

To the members of the I. W. W. and the other true defenders of the cause of labor, who suffer today in the prison hells of America, the Communist International sends its most affectionate greetings and its solemn pledge to strive by every means to rouse the toiling masses to action in their behalf. Fellow workers, do not be deluded into the childish belief that the ruling class will listen to appeals for clemency. Put no faith in petitions—those "scraps of paper" which our oppressors only laugh at and throw into the waste basket. Revolutionary mass action of the workers is our weapon. Revolutionary mass action is the way to force open the prison doors. Revolutionary mass action is the way to smash the capitalist system and free the working class.

Pan-American Agency of the Communist International.

Charles Edward Scott,  
Secretary.

April 21, 1921.

## SEARCHED!

Some time between darkness and dawn of last Friday night federal agents or police entered "The Toiler" office by the approved housebreaker's method of jimmying a window. Whether the art was an old one learned previous to the agents' entering the service of the government, and revived for occasions when the State turns thief is only a guess, but the method is the same.

To any who subscribed to the illusion that the Millenium had arrived with the installation of Republican officials in office, we would announce that if the gang has changed the methods so heartily and effectively introduced by A. Mitchell Palmer in getting "evidence" on so-called "Reds", is still in force and apparently working "overtime".

A toilet window provided the means of ingress for the worthies of our perfectly respectable and laudable State. The State has great respect for and affords absolute protection to private property. Witness several articles of house keeping thrown from the toilet room into the court and the rear door unlocked for the entry of any brother-thieves who might be prowling about. If you are in the business of house-breaking we suggest that you connect with the government agents and the police—they will obligingly take all the risk of breaking in and leave you only the nominal danger of doing the sacking.

That the office had received a thorough going over in an apparent search for some specific articles was evident at a glance when it was opened on Saturday morning. Desk drawers stood ajar and the only one which is ever locked had been opened by the same artful method as was used in entering.

As to what invaders expected to find, your guess is as good as ours. Several searches of the office made during the reign of Mitchell Palmer resulted in naught of value for the searchers. If the new regime has found any "incriminating evidence" in our absence, we congratulate them.

Our guess is that the 1st of May is approaching and our guardians suspected that a revolution was tucked away somewhere in one of our desks.

## "REVOLUTION!"

By ESPERANTO.

"Revolution" is heard at all labor meetings here (Kansas City, Mo.) even at the Central Labor Union, Sunday April 10th, a conservative, bald-headed delegate, who was inclined to wait for official action from the A. F. of L., as to whether the United States should condescend to accept Russian gold in exchange for needed commodities, asserted:

"I tell you what, if conditions don't change there's goin' to be a revolution, we had one on't—and the common people won't...."

Not a hiss, cat-call, or "Sit down you Brush-shiki," greeted this outburst.

In fact many "con" Labor Representatives present, smiled indulgently.

"Revolution, I tell you is coming; people I tell you are starving. Since the first of the year, 50% reduction in working force, all crafts have occurred in the Kansas City Terminal, Railroad Co.,—that is the union depot where eight railroads load and unload passengers."

Many of his brother workers heard him say this.

They all nodded approval.

They all carry a card, in a union affiliated with the A. F. of L.

"Revolution is coming if the bosses keep on acting as they are and have been," said a car-shop employee of the Burlington.

"Our regular force of 170 men has been reduced to 95 and every payday, a few more are laid off."

Not any of his dear brothers proposed painting him yellow.

"Revolution is coming, nothing in God's world will stop it. The railroad officials made a contract, a sacred contract, now they tell us to go to H.... Two-thirds of the force where I work—that's the Missouri Pacific—have been laid off, the mechanical department is closed down and now a notice has been posted, for reduction in wages May 1st, and the same notice asks that union officials, meet in conference with railroad officials at St. Louis, April 21st, to decide the amount."

The Common Laborers, were having a meeting in the Labor Temple, they are the largest union in Kansas City,

## 'NORMALCY' HITS MINERS.

A wave of normalcy has stricken the coal miners of Alabama. Thousands of miners and their families, estimated at 40,000 persons are on the verge of starvation and actually destitute of the most meagre means of sustenance as a result of the nation's return to that halcyon condition for which the last national political campaign which placed Warren Gamaliel Harding in the President's chair, was waged.

Relief organizations throughout the south are rushing plans to aid the thousands of men, women and children who are destitute following an unsuccessful strike.

Brigadier Simonson, commander of the "Dixie division" of the Salvation Army, estimated that 18,000 persons are facing starvation and that several thousand of these are already "absolutely destitute."

According to operators, lack of demand for coal makes it impossible for them to provide work for the miners, who struck several months ago, but called off their strike Feb. 22.

An arbitration settlement of the issues went against the miners on every point.

Defeated in the strike, their union food and clothing rations discontinued, and re-employment denied them, most of the miners and their families are living in tent colonies, having been turned out of company-owned houses.

the halls, stairway and first landing was jammed, with a seething mass of discontented workers, representing many races of mankind and many more nationalities;

"Revolution is comin' if the bosses don't deal with the unions, I tell ya'."

"G—D— it, havn't they got sense enuf to know, we got to eat and hungry men are dangerous?" and this disgusted worker, squirted a mouthful of tobacco juice with unerring aim, at a cuspidor, as he received grunts of approval from his fellows.

Such as the above dire prophecies can be heard any night, one moves among the workers at the various union meetings here.

## THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR DAY.

By J. PRICE.

Some thirty-five years ago, in 1886, the American Federation of Labor declared May First the day on which the workers of America were to demonstrate for an 8-hour day.

The first congress of the now deceased Second International, held in 1889, made one step forward by declaring May First an International Labor Day, on which workers all over the world were to agitate, peacefully, for the 8-hour day as well as for international peace.

Since then the idea of "May Day" has grown more and more popular among the workers of the world and has become a permanent, well established institution. At the same time it has grown more and more revolutionary in character.

From year to year the workers of even the most reactionary and backward countries of the world have laid down their tools to demonstrate their power, to openly declare their demands and to raise the banner of international solidarity of labor.

And from its very start, this international Labor Day, the only real proletarian holiday, met with the bitterest hatred and fear on the part of world Capital.

Every year, in every country of the globe the police, the army, the "Legions" and "Security Leagues" as well as all other tools of suppression, mobilize their forces to kill the attempt of the workers to demonstrate their power and international solidarity on May First.

Every year hundreds of workers are thrown out of the factories, imprisoned and murdered for their determination to demonstrate on May Day their protest against exploitation and reaction.

But no power in the world can stop the workers from celebrating their only holiday. The proletarian blood shed on that day each year only helps to intensify the red color of that International Labor Day; it only helps to expose the true nature of the rotten capitalist system and

the capitalist State; it only helps to strengthen the determination of Labor to free itself from the clutches of the present system of exploitation and oppression.

The May Day slogan now, is no more "the 8-hour day," but "complete abolition of the capitalist system" and "all power to the workers."

The workers of America this year must join hands with their brothers of all other countries and together with them inscribe on their banners the slogans of world proletarian revolution.

## Order Which Bars U. S. Emigrants From Russia is Confirmed.

Confirmation of the recent order of the Soviet Government closing the Russian borders to immigrants from the United States was received by Charles Recht, legal representative in New York of the Russian Soviet Republic, in a cable from Reval signed by Gregory Weinstein, formerly secretary to Ludwig C. A. K. Martens in this country, and made public by Recht here yesterday.

The cable is as follows:

You are instructed to inform people desiring to go to Russia that in view of the absence of a representative of Soviet Russia in America no immigration to Russia will be permitted. Publish a warning that visas of consulates of border states are not sufficient for entering Russia. All persons securing such visas, and starting out on the strength of them, will not be admitted to Russia.